**AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

The Autumn Term will start on Monday 7th September and finish on Saturday 19th December 2020. (There won’t be any lessons on Monday 26th & Wednesday 28th & Saturday 31st October due to Half-Term).

**RE-BOOKING**

Re-Booking forms for the Autumn Term will be sent out alongside this newsletter.

All current swimmers have priority in booking onto classes until Saturday 15th August.

Everyone’s 3-week credit has been taken off the fees, so instead of paying for 14 weeks, I’ve calculated the costs for 11 weeks. Please find the costs for the Autumn Term on the re-booking form.

You have the option of either paying the full amount by Saturday 15th August or paying half of the amount by Saturday 15th August and the balance by Saturday 24th October.

**Note: Your child’s/children’s space will only be confirmed once payment (part-payment) and booking forms have been received.**

If we haven’t received your payment on time (by Saturday 15th August), we will assume that you won’t be continuing your swimming lessons with us and your child will be taken off the timetable. If you already know that you won’t continue with swimming lessons, could you also please let me know.

**IMPORTANT CHANGES/UPDATES**

1. Due to social distancing and being able to have 1 guardian/parent at lessons, we have to cut our group sizes to 6 swimmers for Stages 4, 5 & 6. Bookings will be done on first come first served basis.

We’ll have 1 teacher teaching in the deep end of the pool and two teachers (at least one of them will be teaching from the water) in the shallow end of the pool, however they’ll all be adhering to social distancing rules.

1. I realise you’ve got lots of questions on how a safe return to swimming lessons will look. I’ll be releasing a video/email with guidance latest by 27th August explaining the arrival/exiting/changing/spectating/cleaning/teaching procedures. I’m sorry this is quite close to the start date of the Autumn Term, however with the regular changes in guidelines & government advice, we want to operate with the most up to date safety procedures.

To give you a rough idea, this is how it would currently look:

* Every swimmer will have their allocated space in the pool/on poolside and won’t share any equipment (you’re welcome to bring your own equipment)
* Only arrive 5 minutes prior to lesson start, I’ll be directing you to your changing bay, pool users abide by current hygiene and social distancing rules whilst on site
* Changing rooms available for post swim only (swimmer arrives with swim wear underneath clothing, hats & googles on; changing rooms available once lesson has finished. Year 3 and above get changed by themselves, Year 2 and below can have 1 guarding/parent helping them. Showers out of use for now. Please exit changing rooms within 15 minutes of finishing your lesson, so we have enough time to clean them before next swimmers use them.
* 1 parent/carer per swimmer only, who must wear a face covering at all times (You’re more than welcome to drop your child off at the pool, if you’re not watching. Please stay in your car whilst waiting or if you head into town, please pick up on time).

1. Please don’t worry about your child’s swimming ability on return to lessons. Everyone will be in the same situation and the teachers will ease them into lessons gradually. Our main focus will be creating a fun, safe and comfortable environment for them.

Please get in touch, if you can’t find your child’s progress report from the Spring Term which has their swimming day and time on it.

Kind regards,

Steffi